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SUBJ: PRESS PREDICTS SECOND ROUND OF US-GREEK SECURITY DISCUSSIONS

1. AFTERNOON VRADYNI (CONSERVATIVE, PRO-GOVERNMENT)
CARRIED AMONG LEADING ITEMS ON BACK NEWS PAGE ARTICLE
HEADED "DISCUSSIONS DURING MARCH" WITH SUBHEAD "THREE
AMERICAN BASES WHICH DO NOT SERVE NATIONAL INTERESTS
ARE BEING ABOLISHED." TEXT OF STORY FOLLOWS (INFORMAL
EMBASSY TRANSLATION).

2. BEGIN TEXT. ACCORDING TO USAULLY WELL-INFORMED
SOURCES, THE SECOND PHASE OF DISCUSSIONS REGARDING THE
STATUS OF AMERICAN BASES AND AMERICAN PERSONNEL IN
GREECE PROBABLY WILL BE HELD IN ATHENS BY THE END OF THE
CURRENT MONTH. A SPECIAL TEAM OF DEPARTMENT OF STATE
AND PENTAGON SPECIALISTS WILL COME TO GREECE TO NEGOTIATE
WITH GREEK OFFICIALS NOT ONLY ON THE SUBJECT OF AMERICAN
BASIS BUT ALSO ON THE DEFENSE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN GREECE AND
THE UNITED STATES. THE FIRST PHASE OF THESE TALKS TOOK
PLACE IN ATHENS FROM FEBRUARY 11 TO 15 (SIC) AT THE
INITIATIVE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GREECE, AFTER WHICH THE
AMERICAN DELEGATION RETURNED TO WASHINGTON TO BRIEF OFFICIALS
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OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND DEFENSE ON THE RESULTS OF

THIS FIRST PHASE. IT WAS DECIDED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE
FIRST PHASE THAT THE SECOND PHASE WOULD COMMENCE ON A DATE
TO BE MUTUALLY AGREED. PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS HAS
STRESSED THAT IT IS THE POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GREECE
TO PERMIT ONLY THOSE BASES WHICH SERVE GREECE'S NATIONAL
INTERESTS AND THAT IT WILL DEMAND THE ABOLITION OF THE OTHER
BASES. ACCORDING TO PRESS SOURCES, TWO OR THREE BASES WILL
BE ABOLISHED." END TEXT.
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